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From the Principal

College Academic Awards Night

On Thursday of this week, at our Annual Academic Awards Evening, we will have the opportunity to congratulate many students on their achievements in 2017. All these students have all worked diligently this year and are extremely deserving of the accolades they receive at this event. It is important to remember, however, that the students who receive acknowledgement during the Awards evening only represent a small proportion of the fantastic achievements made by students at the College throughout the school year. Not everyone can receive an award, but I do know that many students have demonstrated persistence, determination, courage and resilience in a variety of circumstances. As we approach the end of 2017, I would like to congratulate all students who have continued to work at being their best and realising their dignity.

Spring Recital

On Tuesday of this week we had the pleasure of hosting our first annual Spring Recital. This wonderful occasion provided the opportunity for parents, carers, family, friends and teachers to celebrate the achievements of those students involved in our Music Tuition Program. This event took on a new format this year and it was wonderful to see that from the youngest students to the more experienced contributors, that all are enjoying their involvement in music. Thank you to our marvellous music tutors for all their hard work with the students and to Mrs Iszlaub for her organisation and unwavering support of music in the College.

Year 6 into 7, Parent Information Evening

All parents and carers of students who will be in Year 7 at Saint Mary's Catholic College in 2018 are invited to an information session to be held on Wednesday 1 November. The evening will commence at 6pm in room 84/85. If you are wondering what to expect from Secondary education or have questions about how to help your child transition from Primary, this will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from our Principal, Head of Secondary, Curriculum and Pastoral Leaders. We anticipate that the evening will conclude by 7:30pm at the latest.

Writing at Saint Mary's

I would like to acknowledge an impressive achievement by Harry Pace who is in Year 6 at Saint Mary's. Harry received the Achievement Award in the 2017 Short Story Competition conducted by Write4fun. Harry's story, 'Firefly' will now continue into the next round of judging and will also be published in the "Write Here Write Now" book scheduled for release in March 2018. Harry, along with several other students, participated in writing enrichment workshops during Terms 2 and 3 this year under the guidance of Miss O'Connor and Mr Mulcahy. We saw some substantial writing talent emerge from this enrichment program. Our congratulations to Harry on this marvellous achievement!

God bless

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal



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Head of Primary News

As many authors in this newsletter have attested, it is indeed a busy term.

Tuesday afternoon and evening saw the Music Students performing. The students were performing in the music centre. The skilled tutors of these students, and indeed the very proud parents, were entertained with great fervour. All who attended felt very proud of the abilities and efforts of their students and children. Thank you everyone.

Thursday 26th October is Socktober day, where the Christian Mission gives a helping hand to 'sock it' to poverty and to raise awareness of other social justice issues. Children are asked to wear their school uniform but **wear crazy socks!** We would also ask that children who wear the socks bring a gold coin donation. Of course, children who don't wish to wear crazy socks can also donate to the Mission.

Thursday 26th October is our Annual Awards Night. Parents have been contacted if their child is receiving an award. Students are to be full and correct formal uniform. The evening begins at 6.00pm.

Friday 27th October – Year 4 to Year 6 Summer Carnival. This is held at various schools in the district. Our school will be hosting Kanga Cricket. Students leave the school after 9.00am and are bused to various locations.

The **Year 5 and the Year 6 camps** are coming up shortly. Parents would have received letters home and information regarding these camps. Year 6 camp is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the 8th 9th and 10th of November. The year 5 camp is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 13th, 14th and 15th of November. We wish them well and hope for fine weather. Year 4 have an excursion touring the local area on Monday the 30th October. There will be a letter home shortly.

There is a **Year 6 transition parent information evening** presented by Mrs. Myles on Wednesday 1st November at 6.30pm for parents of students in year 6 who will be transitioning into Year 7. This will be in the Maryknoll Centre. All parents of the year 6 students are welcome.

The **Year 6 into Year 7 transition days** for students are Monday the 6th November and Tuesday the 7th November. The students from our college and all new students will be attending the two days of activities and testing. There will be more information going home about the times and what students need to wear and what to bring for the two days. The testing is for general baseline data that will help teachers compile the year 7 class cohorts. It also helps the learning support teams to be prepared early in the year to know the best way of assisting and supporting students from both ends of the spectrum.

The transitioning of new **Prep students for 2018.** The Prep students have been undergoing readiness testing with school officers of our college. The newly enrolled prep students in groups of four have attended or will attend an hour session all last Friday and this Friday. Again, it gives teachers baseline data to be ready to help support the students that may need extra help both socially, emotionally and academically. There will be Prep Orientation days in week 6 and week 8.

The **Year 6 Rite of Passage** is Tuesday the 28th November. There will be invitations sent home inviting parents and families to this wonderful evening. It begins with a liturgy and the students have an opportunity to outline their year with visuals and a speech prepared by the students. It gives the students an opportunity to thank their teachers and for parents and students to get to meet some of the teachers of Year 7. The evening concludes with a light supper. More information to follow.

Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

APRE News

Emmanuel Worship

On Friday, the College was fortunate to have Emmanuel Worship, a Brisbane based Catholic Rock Band, present a range of their music, Catholic testimony and prayer opportunity for students from prep to year 12. For many, their lyrics and the meaning in their songs are surprising in this genre but I see music as one of the best opportunities to connect students with faith or a faith life. The Celts refer to a 'thin place' as a place where there seems little difference between earth and heaven. Prayer, in its many forms including oral, unspoken, meditation, silence and stillness are some of the more common known practices, however all would know the value and transforming power of music and singing. I would contest rock and pop music are a very valid way that youth can access and process the gospel. I felt very fortunate to be able to see the band perform and take part in the prayer opportunities they provided.



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At this point I would like to affirm, the work of our small group of students and staff who do the music at Firepit Youth Mass and the monthly Sunday Children's Mass. It is challenging and quite a daunting task to prepare, play and sing for the Mass, however the opportunities it provides for people to connect is worth every effort. It is important to understand that hymns and music adults might find engaging and enjoyable may not have the same appeal to our youth and younger parishners.

The College would like to thank Megan Schick, Sarah McCarthy, Suzanne Mungall, Wayne Dunbrack and Jane Iszlaub for working with our students in liturgical music for the parish. I would also like to congratulate and encourage the students who regularly take part; Robbie Veivers, Millie Garlick, Amelia and James McCarthy, Hamish and Lucas Mungall and many more students in choirs and ensembles. Music and singing are a form of prayer that helps create that 'thin place' for all who are present and are willing to participate.

PoTENial – Power to go

On Thursday, about 15 Yr 10 students were invited to take part in the first ever Catholic Youth Conference and Rally that was livestreamed. We participated remotely from the College Board Room and engaged with many schools and many students from Brisbane and the Coast, including St Thomas Moore at Sunnybank and Unity College. We were one of only four host venues and we took part in liturgy with Bishop Ken Howell, listened to TED talks and interacted via the link in opening ceremony and closing prayer.

The day was an archdiocese initiative and I was keen to be involved to see how the future might look for events like this. The cost and time involved in travel for us often rules us out of these things, so 'we had a crack'. It was an experience like no other, especially when we did not know we were being televised to hundreds of viewers on the coast. Our students responded very well and I would be willing to try and upscale our involvement with technical help.

Kind regards

Mr Martin Perrett

APRE

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Catholic Mission reaching out to give life to the full.

This Thursday all students and staff at the college are invited to wear crazy socks day and donate a gold coin for Catholic Mission.

Students still wear the rest if their normal uniform, including black shoes.



"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10) are the words guiding the theme of World Mission Month 2017, celebrated each year in churches around the world.

October marks World Mission Month, and the various appeals invite parishioners to reach out through their financial gifts and prayers to support local communities and inspirational missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti and the Daughters of Mary in Bujuni, Uganda and Sister Mary Hoaian and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart in Nha Trang, Vietnam.

Catholic Mission have developed both school and parish resources for World Mission Month, to create awareness of the work done in over 160 countries.

This year's focus of World Mission Month are two communities, one being in the small town of Bujuni in Uganda, around three hours' drive from the capital city of Kampala; and the other in Nha Trang in Vietnam. In Bujuni, Sister Mary Goretti and her team have been working for two years in a holistic health centre for mothers and babies called St Luke's. St Luke's centre is responding to the very real issue of lack of access to maternal and infant health care, and so Sister Mary Goretti and her staff take quite literally the Gospel theme "that you may have life" in their day-to-day work.

Please encourage your child to don some old or fabulous socks for Thursday's push.

Primary Learning Leader News

Calling all helpers! Have you got a little spare time on Tuesday mornings, and would like to lend a hand to our two wonderful volunteer Take Home Reader mums? Each week these ladies come in and change over the Take Home Reading books for our Prep to Year 3 students, and their time is very much appreciated.

This job requires two people each week, and so we are looking for someone who might be willing to help out on an on-call basis, if needed.

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If you think you could offer a little time to this much needed role, can you please contact me through the College office, or Pam Radcliffe from Week 2 of this term.

Many thanks
Ms Celia King
Primary Learning Leader

Chaplain News

Adore for 24

On the 11th and 12th October Saint Mary's held adore for 24 where students from prep to year 12 filled half hour shifts of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament over the 2 days. This was an opportunity to stop and reflect and experience a rich Catholic form of prayer and to once again take on St Benedict's invitation to "listen with the ear of your heart".

Firepit Youth Camp

Although we were uncertain of how wet we would be, we decided to continue our trip to the Bunyas for our first Firepit Youth camp. The theme of the camp was "be not afraid", inspired by St John Paul II whose feast day was on Sunday. Although our program was rearranged due to spots of rain we enjoyed our time together; tie-dyeing, eating, running around when the rain had cleared, being part of a prayer experience where we talked about the Holy Spirit and the courage He gives us to be who we were created to be and huddling around the BBQ camp fire sharing stories about God. This camp was a great experience that helped build endurance and courage. We will definitely hold another in the future and hopefully it will be blue skies the whole way.

Immaculata Mission Team Visit

The Sisters of the Immaculata and some lay missionaries visited our school on Tuesday the 17th October. The sisters visited classrooms sharing their stories and sharing the love of God with the students. They held a session with year 9 Religion and talked about the call to religious life and the call of a layperson in the church that went hand in hand with the current topic the students are studying. They also spoke with a year 7 RE class and enjoyed time with the year 1s facilitating a fun session through song about the message of God in the world. It was delightful to watch the students particularly the primary students connect with the sisters and the team.

- Next youth group – 31st October
- Next Firepit youth mass – 12th November @ 5.30pm
- <https://firepityouth.weebly.com> - Saint Mary's Campus Ministry website

God bless
Miss Megan Schick
College Chaplain

Sports News

Last week the South Burnett Summer Sports Carnival for Years 4-6 was postponed due to the wet weather and now will take place this coming Friday 27th October. Thank you to all for getting their consent notes returned on time.

This week we will find out the Primary & Secondary sportspersons of the year award at our College presentation night on Thursday evening.

On Monday 13th November (Week 7) there will be a Healthy Living Touch Football carnival in Murgon. Those students who have expressed interest will have further information later this week.

Yours in Sport
Mr Scott Collier
Sports Coordinator



Music Notes

Upcoming Events

- Tue 24 Oct – Music Tuition Program **Spring Recital** (3:00pm and 5:00pm sessions)
- Thu 2 Nov – **Celebration of the Arts #COTA17** – 5:30pm
- Sat 11-Sun12 Nov – **Singing lessons** (by appointment) with Mrs Julee-Anne Bell (Hedwige Music Centre). **Masterclass** – Sat 11 Nov - 6:30 – 7:30pm. See Mrs Iszlaub for details.

*****Reminder – String Immersion every Thursday*****

CONSENT FORMS: Celebration of the Arts

Spring Recital – Tuesday 24 October

The Spring Recital is shaping up to be a lovely afternoon of music. As outlined in previous newsletters, we are trialling a new format that gives our young performers a chance to shine for parents and friends in a more casual format. **Please return your child's consent form as soon as possible so they do not miss out on this opportunity!** If you have any queries about your child's participation in this event, please contact the relevant Tutor directly. If any parents or carers would like to assist with this event (setting up tea/coffee, chairs etc.) please arrive at the Sr Mary Hedwige Music Centre at 2:15pm to lend a hand.

Celebration of the Arts (#COTA17) – Thursday 2 November – 5:30pm

As well as a our solo and small group performers, the following groups will be performing at the #COTA17:

- Year 3 String Immersion (songs #26, #66, #70)
- Secondary Vocal Ensemble
- Grant's Guitars
- Firepit Youth Liturgy Band

Students may wear free dress for this event (costumes as per subject teacher's direction), and should be at the Maryknoll by 5:30pm.

Congratulations, Millie Garlick and Robbie Veivers

Millie and Robbie performed at St Mary's Church on Monday to a large audience of teachers from local schools, and I have heard nothing but praise for their performance, which they rehearsed and managed themselves. Both students are members of the Senior Music subject, and Millie has completed the Performance Strand of the Music Extension subject. It is so pleasing to see both students emerging from these subjects with highly developed, practical skills that they are able to use for the benefit of their school and the broader local community, and completely independently of teacher assistance. Well done, Millie and Robbie!

Singing Masterclass – Saturday 11 November

Due to overwhelming demand for singing lessons with our monthly visiting specialist, Mrs Julee-Anne Bell, we will be holding a masterclass from 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Saturday 11 November in the Hedwige Music Centre. Cost - \$10pp. Ernie Corbet has volunteered to perform at this event, and we thank him for agreeing to be our "guinea pig". There is so much to be gained for singers of all ages and standards by attending this event. Please see me for bookings.

Master Instrument Maker

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting master instrument maker, Mr Ilja Grawert, for two days at the College. Mr Grawert repaired and serviced our violins so that they remain in tip-top shape for our Year 3 String Immersion students. The students loved watching Mr Gravert as he carved and sanded the wood and asked lots of great questions, including "Do you go for the Broncos?"



Yours in Music,
Mrs Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Titration News

Last Thursday two teams, each comprising three Year 11 Chemistry students, participated in the finals of the Australian National Titration Competition. These teams qualified by being placed first and third in the Regional competition held in Toowoomba in May. The finals phase is made more difficult as the competitors are required, in addition to the two sets of titrations using an acid/base

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indicator, to add a filtration step to remove insoluble Barium salt from the unknown sample they were sent. Variation between actual and submitted results is squared to provide a score. Aiden Raabe and Constance Wilson both obtained results of less than 0.001% to obtain gold medals, while the remaining 4 students, Lleyton Brown, Lydia Penny, Natalie Piper and Harrison Lucas all earned a silver medal with errors of less than 0.01%. All the students are to be commended on their efforts, professional attitude and the spirit of collegiality they maintained for the three hour duration of the final leg of the competition. Thanks to Mrs B Patterson for her efforts in getting the equipment and chemicals ready for the various teams.

Tuckshop News

Friday Lunch Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

Due to Hosting Kanga Cricket this Friday, the specials are as follows:

- Party Pies, Mini Sausage Rolls - \$1.20 each
- Sausage Rolls - \$2.50 each
- Large Pie - \$4.00 each
- Chicken & Gravy Rolls - \$4.00 each

QKR

QKR (our online ordering system) closes at 9am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If your child is away the day of your order, you can cancel your order online up until 9am of that day.

Ice Blocks

If your child has ordered an Ice Block either through the online system or the bag system, they need to come up to the tuckshop to collect their Ice Block after the 10 minute bell.

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at the Tuckshop, you can do so by calling on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to discuss how to volunteer.

Donation of Goods

If you are able to donate any of the following items during the year, it would be greatly appreciated. Below are the main ingredients we use, however, any donations are more than welcome.

Self Raising Flour
Desiccated Coconut
Plain Flour
Caster or Brown Sugar
Tinned Pineapple Slices
Small Tinned Corn
Beetroot

These can be dropped into the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or to the College Office.

Have great week!

Mrs Michelle Davis

Tuckshop Convenor

Flowers for Awards Night

What: FLOWERS, FOLIAGE and POTTED PLANTS

When: THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER AT 9AM

Where: MARYKNOLL CANTEEN

We are only a few short weeks away from the College Annual Awards night and it is time to start checking your gardens for flowers, foliage and potted plants to decorate the Maryknoll Centre. We have a reputation for doing some pretty gorgeous floral displays for the evening and making it so special for the students who are receiving awards.

The Awards evening is on the 26th October and we will prepare the flowers on that morning. If people are able to bring in plants and flowers just deliver them to the outside of the Maryknoll Canteen by 9am on the morning of Thursday the 26th of October. Please make sure that you bring them in a NAMED bucket so that we can return your buckets afterwards.

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If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me via the office.

Thanks so much,
Mrs Bronwyn Martoo

Community Notices

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FAMILY FUN DAY

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AT SB PCYC
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0741681889

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES		Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30 (term time) Kingaroy Country Kidz Playgroup	Flyer compiled by Suzanne Mungall (a Kingaroy mum). Contact Suzanne via facebook messaging to add your low cost Parent-Child interaction activity. Please feel free to copy and distribute. Flyer updated termly. Most up-to-date flyer available at Facebook (South Burnett Under 4s Network)
Tuesday 9.45 - 10.30 (term time) Mainly Music & Cafe Church in the Market Place, Cnr Bunya Highway-Ivins St Ph: 4162 5824 (office) \$4 single & \$7 Family		Lutheran Hall across from Aldi Facebook (Kingaroy Country Kidz Playgroup) ph 0408623626 1st visit Free then \$3 per family.	Updated: Oct 2017
Wednesday 9.30 Australian Breastfeeding Association Group, Kingaroy Location varies Play and chat Mother to mother support abakingaroy@yahoo.com	IN KINGAROY 4 LITTLE KIDS	WEDNESDAY 10 - 11AM (ALL YEAR) STORY TIME STORIES, SONGS, CRAFT KINGAROY LIBRARY GLENDON ST. PH: 41899256 FREE	
Monday 9.30- 10am (all year) RHYME TIME : Songs & Rhymes Kingaroy Library, Glendon St. Ph 4189 9256 Free			
Wednesday 9 - 10.30 (term time) St John's School Playgroup School Hall Ivy Street Activities galore smca@sjls.qld.edu.au Gold coin		THURSDAY 9.30(Sharp) - 10.30 (term time) QCWA Walk for Mums Bubs Nans & Grans Bring pram & hats for children Leaves from QCWA hall 122 Kingaroy Street Ph 0419 861 616 Janelle FREE	
Thursday 9.30 - 10.30 (term time) PCYC Tiny Tots Gymnastics 2 /11 Pound St (Karate 4 Kids building) Parent - child interaction in activity Ph 4168 1889 Karen Sanewski \$5 - \$7 per child (adults free)			FREE or LOW COST activities focusing on parent - child interaction
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9:00AM - 3:00PM

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Road safety
Reduce hooning
Raise money for charity

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 25th October

RACQ Docudrama - Year 11 and Year 12

College Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 26th October

Annual Awards Evening 6.00pm

Tuesday, 31st October

Year 7 Immunisations

Wednesday, 1st November

Year 6 into Year 7 Information Night 6:30pm

Thursday, 2nd November

Celebration of the Arts Evening

Monday, 6th November

Healthy Living Touch Carnival

Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday, 7th November

Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday, 8th November

Yewar 6 Camp

Thursday, 9th November

Prep Orientation Day Group A

Year 6 Camp

Friday, 10th November

Prep Orientation Day Group B

Year 6 Camp

Monday, 13th November

Healthy Living Touch Carnival

Prep to Year 6 Musical Performance

Year 5 Camp

Tuesday, 14th November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner at Kingaroy Town Hall from 5pm

Year 5 Camp

Wednesday, 15th November

Yewar 5 Camp

Friday, 17th November

Year 12 Valedictory Mass 9am in Maryknoll Centre

Monday, 20th to Friday, 24th November

Year 11 Work Experience Week

Thursday, 23rd November

Prep Orientation Day Group A

Year 6 Rite of Passage from 6pm

Friday, 24th November

Prep Orientation Day Group B

Year 10 and 11 Finish

Thursday, 30th November

Carols Night - Prep to Year 6 from 5pm

Friday, 1st December

Term 4 Completed at 12.30pm

Tuesday, 23rd January 2018

Term 1 Commences for all NEW students

Wednesday, 24th January 2018

Term 1 Commences for all CURRENT students